



AGENDA

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE Wednesday, August 21, 2019 | 8:30 a.m. | Room 450 Capitol Building

1. Committee Business

- Call to order
- Approval of the minutes of the June 19, 2019, meeting
- Required reports from:
 - The Division of Facilities Construction and Management on the State Facilities Energy Efficiency Fund; and
 - The Government Records Ombudsman

2. Required Report: Department of Veterans and Military Affairs

Utah Code Section [71-8-3](#) requires the Executive Director of the Department of Veterans and Military Affairs to report to the committee annually.

- Gary Harter, Executive Director, Department of Veterans and Military Affairs
- Committee discussion

3. Draft Legislation: Special Service District Bonds Secured by Mineral Lease

The committee will consider draft legislation to reauthorize Section [11-14-308](#) related to special service district bonds secured by mineral lease.

- Brian Bean, Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel
- Public comment
- Committee discussion and potential action

4. Executive Boards and Commissions

The committee will receive an update regarding committee legislation to repeal, combine, or otherwise reduce the scope of boards and commissions in the executive branch to make them more efficient and effective. This item was also discussed in the committee's May interim meeting.

- Rep. John Knotwell
- Brian Bean, Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel
- Committee discussion and potential action

5. Plurality

The committee will study policies to reduce or eliminate the possibility of a candidate being elected with less than a majority vote.

- Brian Bean, Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel
- Justin Lee, Director of Elections, Office of the Lieutenant Governor
- Sen. Daniel Thatcher
- Committee discussion and potential action

**6. Petition Administration**

The committee will consider amending policies and processes related to the collection of petition signatures in order to save time and money, reduce administrative burdens, and reduce cross-claims of misrepresentation and deception in the signature gathering process.

- Ricky Hatch, Clerk/Auditor, Weber County
- Ryan Cowley, Director of Elections, Weber County
- Justin Lee, Director of Elections, Office of the Lieutenant Governor
- Committee discussion and potential action

7. Technical Corrections

The committee will study addressing actionable corrections to the Utah Code identified by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor and committee staff.

- Justin Lee, Director of Elections, Office of the Lieutenant Governor
- Committee discussion and potential action

8. Plain Language Ballots

The committee will consider a proposal to simplify ballot language and increase ballot information available online and through the voter information pamphlet.

- Representative, Utah Association of Counties/County Clerks
- Committee discussion and potential action

9. Other Items/Adjourn